

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 10/13/15.

In attendance:

Board members: Ric Anderson, Jason Benner, Rosaria Bria, Gavin Daly, Mike Deenihan, Joe Fauci, Mike Fenske, Jeff Goodman, Pete Karukas, Bob Katchko, Karen Montagnese, Nick Montagnese, Jenn Salvatore, John Tromba, Judy Vivona and Nick Vivona

League Members: none

Regrets received: Jen Hanley and Brett Szczesny

1. Approval of Minutes

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. President's Report

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- a) Mr. Anderson discussed his ideas on 'meeting management' format and would like to instill a 1/3rd/ 2/3rd method.
 - b) He suggests anyone who comes to the board with a complaint or issue should also bring 3 suggested solutions.
 - c) He recommended the board meetings be held to 1-1/2 hours, using the last ½ hour for committee or sub-group discussions or an open forum.
 - d) Suggestions for the new board when in their roles, we need to have a 'plan and organization' for the tasks assigned. There will be no micro-managing – each individual(s) are responsible for their assignments and all leads will be given respect when presenting to the board.
 - e) There was a discussion regarding the website. Thoughts on utilizing it to be the central hub of communication to the community.
 - f) As a board, when preparing for the new season, we need to work in 'phases'. First is the Admin phase; second is the Preparatory phase (preparing for the tasks); third is the Execution phase (start of the season).
 - g) Mr. Anderson suggested we make sure everyone (board members/committee members and the community), go through the appropriate chain of command when there are issues/concerns.

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Voting and Results:

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- Secretary – Judy Vivona
 - Treasurer – Brett Szczesny
 - Player Agent (for Triple A and below) – Karen Montagnese
 - Player Agent (Majors) – John Tromba
 - Safety Officer – Nick Vivona
 - Coaching Coordinator – Mike Fenske
 - Info Officer – Gavin Daly (assisted by Jen Hanley)
 - Concession Stands – Rosaria Bria
 - Sponsorship/Fundraising – Jeff Goodman (committee of Bob Katchko and Judy Vivona)
 - Umpire and Chief – Jeff Goodman
 - Scheduling Coordinator – Jeff Goodman
 - Head Team Parent – Jenn Salvatore
 - Recruiting Officer – Nick Montagnese
 - Equipment Manager & Jersey Organizer – Jason Benner (committee of Jenn Salvatore and Nick Montagnese)
 - Majors Commissioner – Open Position
 - Triple A Commissioner – Mike Deenihan (w/a co-commissioner)
 - Single A Commissioner – Joe Fauci
 - T-Ball Commissioner – Open Position

Discussion regarding the possibility of a separate role for a skills program. Gavin Daly states there are already documents available as guidelines. It is suggested Jenn Salvatore be involved in this process. Mike Fenske shared his ideas and agrees this is needed.

Ric Anderson discussed:

- School calendar (we need to reference it while scheduling SALL calendar)
- Constitution (updated version needs to be uploaded to the web site)
- Info from President's meeting – changes to baseball age forthcoming
- The need for each role lead needs to outline 3-5 attainable goals
- Safety is the utmost importance to the league (both physical and mental)

Nick Vivona discussed:

- There is currently no budget so any expenditures will need Board approval
- Locks at the snack bars are being changed effective 10/24/15 (pro bono by CT Lock & Key)
- Bobby Valentine's Sports Academy – donating clinic time for 6 and 7 year olds as well as a free 1-1/2 hour training session for older players.
- Labelling all field equipment (expensive / water proof) – why is this useful?
 - o No idea of inventory
 - o Possible color coding by division
 - o Also label field equipment for each field

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- FYI – HUGE donation of equipment from Frank Rampant and Bobby Valentine's Sports Academy
 - Gavin suggests having equipment inventoried – it should be handled by equipment manager and committee (suggested to defer this to another meeting – after an inventory has been taken).
- Nick asks Bob to coordinate the Vine field clean -up – work with Gavin to schedule etc.

Bob Katchko discussed an issue with the sod at Vine Road. The city revamped the field by adding clay etc. but ran out of money to finish the sod. Bob stated the city said they will gladly donate their time to get the supplies and do the installation if we were to pay for it. The amount needed is approximately \$630.00.

Nick Vivona nominated to have SALL pay the cost – Bob Katchko 2nd it. The Board voted and the

Gavin Daly gave a brief update on Fall Ball.

- Issues with competitiveness
 - Skill vs. other leagues – even matches
 - Adhering to agreed rules (not always happening)
 - Kids having fun
 - Nick M. – miscommunication between other league managers and umpires (ie: 5 run rule).

Meeting adjourned.